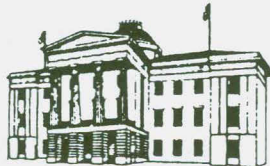


# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

## SMALL FARMS WEEK AND SMALL FARMERS' APPRECIATION DAY

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina's small farms are an important part of our state's rich agricultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, through the years, small farms have survived economic and technological changes to provide a rigorous but rewarding way of life; and

WHEREAS, today, the owners of small farms help North Carolina maintain a strong economy by generating millions of dollars from the sale of commodities; and

WHEREAS, more than 90 percent of the 52,040 farms in North Carolina are small farms, according to the most recent statistics reported by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and

WHEREAS, despite changes in American agriculture, small farmers continue their role as leaders of North Carolina's agricultural tradition; and

WHEREAS, since 1972, the Cooperative Extension Program at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, in cooperation with North Carolina State University, the United States Department of Agriculture, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and select county agencies, has helped lead the effort to provide assistance to the small farmers of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes the contributions of small farms to our economy, agriculture and way of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 25-31, 2012, as "**SMALL FARMS WEEK**" and March 28, 2012, as "**SMALL FARMERS' APPRECIATION DAY**" in North Carolina and urge all citizens to support efforts to help small farms grow and prosper.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eighth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-sixth.